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Applicants:

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated October 3, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Species I directed to Fig. 10. With regard to this, it is noted that claims 1-8 can be read on this elected species (noting that claims 1, 6, 7, and 8 are generic to both species, as indicated in the Office Action).

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 503.40576X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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